

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey said we need to make a correction, there were Resolutions 2014-16 and 2014-17 listed separately. There should be only 2014-17 due to the two resolutions being combined. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The Police Department softball team beat the Fire Department team 2-1.
2. Pavey signed papers on the Princess Theater on Aug 25th. Pavey said he would schedule a tour possibly next Tuesday after work hours for those who wanted to tour the building.
3. Rush Fest is September 20th.
4. The old timer's basketball tourney will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.
5. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is scheduled for September 8th
6. There will be a Field & Forestry Day at Forgey Farms on the 16th.
7. Talked to Chuck Kemker regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss the levee.
8. Working with DLZ to get direction to certify the levee.
9. Have had conversations regarding drainage issues with Bennett properties, Flatrock Apartments, Blue Ribbon Estates, and Farm Credit.
10. Meetings are scheduled with Department Heads to discuss budgets.
11. Verified the invoice regarding the outdoor movie theater. We will place the order.
12. 52 should be open the first week in October.
13. The FOP building has been removed.

14. The Board of Works approved 2 hardship cases. Reedy is working on a report for the ambulance.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:

Copley said the next meeting we will hold a public hearing on the budget. Adoption will be the first meeting in October.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he spent the afternoon in Court on the Mohler hearing. Judge Northam ordered that Mohler be hooked up to the City's sewer system by October 14th. Otherwise he will be held in Contempt of Court and would be sent to jail for 90 days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The last concert will be September 20th.
2. **Comprehensive Plan** – The next date has been scheduled.
3. **Marketing** – Scheduling a date.
4. **Trash Sub Committee** –
5. **Employee Benefit/City Policy** – Working on making changes to the handbook draft for Council to review.
6. **APC/BZA Building Code** – Discussions are taking place on drainage and development.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said that Officers Parmalee and Faw are completing their one year anniversaries and will no longer be probationary officers.

The Dispatch area remodel is completed.

The Board of Works gave authorization to hire Kayle Marlatt as a part-time dispatcher.

Street – Commissioner Miller said heavy trash is to be set out September 22-26 and will be picked up the week of September 29th.

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year-to-date reports.

The Board of Works gave permission to do an agility testing on September 27th.

Councilman Sheehan asked if the old Shook house could be secured. Jenkins said he will have plywood put over the doors.

CITIZEN CONCERN/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Termination of Deed Restrictions** – Pavey said it has been signed.
2. **Trash Ordinance 2014-16** – Pavey asked for clarification in regard to payment of an additional totter. Miller said he would keep a spreadsheet and at the first of each year we will send out an invoice for payment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2014-14 Economic Revitalization Area Downtown** – Newhouse said we will need to schedule a hearing for the next meeting.
2. **Resolution 2014-15 Campaign Flats (Boys and Girls Club) Rush County Players, Inc. – Resolutions 2014-18 Campaign Quarters (Salvation Army) – Resolution 2014-19 Campaign Quarters (Durbin Hotel) Tax Abatement** - Berkemeier is working towards a resolution. He said local tax abatement doesn't make a lot of sense in this situation. He suggested entertaining the option of giving abatement with an agreement to assessed values during the abatement period. There would be an agreement that the assessed values would not be appealed. Berkemeier said he is working on a spreadsheet and will share with Council. Newhouse said this will require hearings and a legal binding resolution.
3. **Ordinance 2014-19 Abandoned and Vacant Buildings** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-19. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2014-20 Flood Hazard Area** – Tabled.
5. **Ordinance 2014-22 Nuisances; Weed Ordinance and Amendments** – Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-22. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2014-21 Peddler's Ordinance and Amendments** – Smith made a motion to approve and review further. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Vacate Alley – Russ Vail (John Anderson)** – There is a piece of property that falls between 5th street and what use to be 4th street behind the old Hillside Haven. Two property owners are in disagreement on the ownership of the property. Newhouse said the deeds show that the alley was vacated but we do not know when it was vacated by ordinance. This was an update, no action was taken.

CLAIMS: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.